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DUBLIN, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1859.

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Public Notices.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.
First Appearance of Miss EMMA HEYWOOD—Engagement of Mr. Ellerton—Mr. Bruce Norton Every Night.
First Appearance of Mr. Vivash.
On This (MONDAY) EVENING, Sept. 12th, 1859,
The performances will commence with the Melodrama of
PETER BELL, THE WAGGONER.

Baptiste	Mr. Vivash.
Peter Bell	Mr. B. Norton.
Martin	Mr. Ellerton.

After which,
MIDAS.

Justice Midas	Mr. H. Webb.
Apollo	Miss E. Heywood.

With the songs of "The Minstrel Boy" and "The Harp that once thro' Tara's Hall,"
To be followed by the laughable Farce of
WIDE AWAKE.

William Snaffle	Mr. W. Ellerton.

To conclude with the celebrated Drama of
THE WARLOCK OF THE GLEN.
Prices of admission.—Boxes, 2s.; Pit, 1s.; Lower Gallery, 6d.; Upper Gallery, 3d.

ROTUNDA, DUBLIN—LAST WEEK BUT IMMENSE SUCCESS!!
THIS DAY, at Two and Eight o'clock,
THE AZTEC LILLIPUTIANS,
Patronised by her Majesty the Queen, Prince Albert, and the Royal Family, and nearly all the Crowned Heads of Europe. Will be seen with the Aztecs, Miss Flora, a full-grown Female of the
EARTHMEN TRIBE,
Three Feet Eight Inches in Height, from the Wilds of South Africa, in 1850. The Tribe to which she belongs subsist upon berries, plants, and insects. They have no language. They communicate with each other by signs and clucking. This is the only one ever seen in England. She has been taught to speak English and play the Piano.
Mr. CHARLES SINCLAIR, the great
VENTRILOQUIST!!!
Every Exhibition.
The Music with the Aztec Exhibition will consist of The Five Highland Bell Ringers in full costume.
Mr. SINCLAIR on the Aerial Flutina.
Pianoforte—Miss E. Butler; and Mr. J. Walter J. Morris on the Crystal Ophonic.
Admission to the Whole—Stalls, 2s.; Reserved Seats, 1s. Second Seats, 6d. See Bills.

NOTICE.—Vehicles to Todd, Burns, and Co., from Sackville-street, to proceed by Abbey-street or Britain-street in consequence of the temporary stoppage in Henry-street.
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WILLIAM FORBES, Manager.
Broadstone Station, Dublin, 8th September, 1859.

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Communication with KILLARNEY *via* ATHLONE, LIMERICK, and the RIVER SHANNON.
On and after the 1st JULY, Tickets will be issued from Dublin to Killarney by the 7 a.m., Train from Dublin, and from Killarney to Dublin by Cars, leaving Killarney at Six o'Clock, Morning.
FARES FROM DUBLIN TO KILLARNEY, OR VICE VERSA:—

First Class,	20s.	Second Class,	15s.

RETURN TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR A MONTH:—

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Passengers to and from Killarney may break the journey at Athlone, Killaloe, Limerick, Tarbert, or Tralee. Single Tickets to or from Killarney are available for the completion of the journey for Fourteen Days from the date of issue, and Return Tickets are available for one month.
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Broadstone, Dublin, 22nd June, 1859.

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THREE DAILY COMMUNICATIONS EACH WAY BETWEEN DUBLIN AND SLIGO.
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7 0 a.m. train to Longford, thence per Coach.
10 30 " " do. do.
7 15 p.m. Mail train to Mullingar, thence per Coach.
FROM SLIGO TO DUBLIN.
8 15 a.m. Coach to Longford, thence per 2 55 p.m. train
10 0 a.m. do 6 0 p.m. "
5 45 p.m do to Mullingar, thence per 8 12 a.m. "
FARES.

1st Class and Inside Coach,	£1	5	0
2nd Class and Outside "	0	18	0
3rd Class and Outside "	0	13	8

N.B.—The 10 30 a.m. Train to Longford and the Coach in connection with it, and the 8 15 a.m. Coach from Sligo, in connection with the 2 55 p.m. Train from Longford to Dublin, are Express Conveyances, and perform the journey each way between Dublin and Sligo in nine hours and a-half.
W. FORBES, Manager.
Broadstone, Dublin, June, 1859.

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
EXCURSION TRAIN FROM GALWAY, LONGFORD, CAVAN, &c., TO DUBLIN.
On TUESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER,
A SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN
Will be despatched from the GALWAY STATION, at Twelve o'Clock Noon; from Cavan, at a Quarter to Two o'Clock; and from Longford, at Half-past Two o'Clock Afternoon; and will arrive in Dublin at about Seven o'Clock, Evening.
FARES TO DUBLIN AND BACK:—

	F.C. S.D.	S.C. S.D.	T.C. S.D.
To Galway and Back	15 6	12 6	7 6
" Oranmore do.			
" Athenry do.	12 6	10 6	6 0
" Woodlawn do.			
" Ballinasloe do.	10 0	8 0	5 0
" Athlone do.			
" Moate do.	8 0	6 0	3 6
" Castletown do.			
" Mullingar do.			
" Cavan do.			
" Crossdoney do.	10 0	8 0	5 0
" Ballywillan do.			
" Float do.			
" Longford do.			
" Edgeworthstown do.	10 0	8 0	5 0
" Multyfarnham do.			

The Excursionists will be entitled to return by the ordinary Passenger Trains (according to Class) on any day up to, and including, TUESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1859.
First Class Passengers will be allowed 80lbs., and Second and Third Class Passengers 56lbs., of Luggage; and no Excess Luggage will be conveyed by the Excursion Train.
The Company will not be responsible for Luggage of Passengers at the above Fares.
For times of departure from intermediate Stations see Handbills, to be obtained at the Stations.
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W. FORBES, Manager.
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The success which has attended the system of remedial training in convesting criminals into useful members of society, is as well known as it is gratifying to every lover of social progress. These institutions are necessary to the system; the Reformatory Schools which are at least preventive, the Convict Prison, which is corrective, and the Reformatory Asylum, which as confirmatively is essential to its complete development. It is desirable that Protestants, as well as Roman Catholics, should have the benefit of each of these departments of the system. The Roman Catholics have established a flourishing Reformatory Asylum at Golden-bridge, for members of their communion who have been discharged from prison; it is surely incumbent upon Protestants so to establish a similar institution. This is now being attempted, and the present system of prison discipline holds out to the inmates as an encouragement to good conduct the remission of a portion of the term of penal servitude; the period so remitted to be passed in the unqualified liberty of the Asylum, as a preparation for again enjoying the privileges and responsibilities of a social position. When established, the Protestant Reformatory Asylum may be expected to be almost self-supporting, and like the schools subsidized by government. The Committee now trusts that the public will see the necessity of the institution, that its claims will be recognised, and that the requisite funds will be contributed.
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4 Small Boats.
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VICTORIA, 27 Tons, with do. do.
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TWENTIETH REPORT.
The TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING of the LIFE ASSOCIATION of SCOTLAND was held within the Head Office, on the 9th August, 1859, in terms of the Royal Charter and Act of Parliament.
Sir JAMES FORREST, Bart., of COMISTON, in the Chair.
The following are the principal statements in the DIRECTORS' REPORT, submitted to the Meeting:—
During the Year ending 5th April last, Applications for NEW LIFE ASSURANCES were received to the extent of.....1206, for £614,618 4 8
Of which the Directors accepted.....1011, for 486,689 4 8
The ANNUAL PREMIUMS on these were..... 16,615 9 8
There were also transacted 21 LIFE ANNUITIES at the price of..... £16,205 3 4
The GROSS ANNUAL INCOME from Premiums of Assurance and Interest on Investments is £151,778 15s. 2d.
The PROGRESSIVE INCREASE of the Business is shown in the following Table:—

Assurances since December, 1838, to these dates.			Annual Income.
5th April, 1841	149	for £75,699	£2,709
1844	489	" 261,559	8,321
1847	895	" 489,017	14,630
1850	2,423	" 1,085,936	32,582
1853	6,094	" 2,320,928	67,586
1856	9,945	" 3,737,773	109,601
1859	12,220	" 5,355,643	151,078

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Every possible attention will be paid to the comfort of the Guests. Materials will be genuine, charges moderate, attendance punctual, and nothing left undone, calculated to make the Royal Hotel a desirable abode.
Apartments are appropriated specially to Commercial Gentleman. Ballina, 10th August, 1859.

P. J. RICHARDSON,
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Begs to inform his Friends and the Public that he is prepared to dispose of Household Furniture, Farming and other Agricultural Produce, at Two and a Half per Cent.
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P. J. R. having discharged the duties of Manager of the Commercial Mart Company for several years, trusts he will give satisfaction to those who may favour him with their commands.

CHEAP FUEL.—REDUCTION IN PRICE OF COKE. The public are hereby informed that the Directors of the Alliance and Consumers' Gas Company have this day reduced the price of Coke One Shilling per Chaldron.
Public attention is directed to the advantages of this excellent and economic fuel.
(By order,) J. STEVENSON, Secretary.
Board-room, Grafton-street, 7th September, 1859.

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HIGH TIDE AT DUBLIN BAR.—SEPTEMBER 12TH.
Morning Tide, 10. 47. Evening, 11. 7.

The Irish Times.

DUBLIN, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

THERE is something astounding in the obstinacy with which Mr. Bright insists on demonstrating his own incapacity to discharge any useful function in English politics. Granting, though we hardly believe it, that a certain amount of vulgar demagogulism was necessary at the outset to gain attention for his schemes of Parliamentary Reform, it surely cannot be necessary, now that this purpose is accomplished, to persevere in a course which inspires every thinking man with a profound distrust both of his honesty and his judgment. The speech delivered last Thursday, at the Huddersfield Banquet, repeats, and in some respects exaggerates, all the worst features of the Reform orations of last Autumn. It presents the same incoherence of argument, the same perversion of fact, the same mendacious disparagement of our institutions, the same hounding on of class against class, which characterised those remarkable performances. But Mr. Bright surpasses his former efforts in the recklessness with which he assails the measures of national defence taken by the late and present Governments, and seizes on the recent flogging *coward* at Woolwich as a scarecrow to intending recruits. It is wonderful that Mr. Bright does not see that his attacks against our military expenditure run counter to the real convictions of his most admiring audiences, and are only received with equanimity because everybody believes they will be nugatory. If it were seriously apprehended that Mr. Bright's speeches could succeed for one day in the work they is being pressed on in our arsenals and dockyards, the orator would run no slight risk of being mobbed by the very persons who now so enthusiastically cheer him. The charm of his oratorical talents, the tact with which he palms himself off as the champion of the industrial classes, even the undoubted trash there is in his strictures on the waste and jobbery that prevail in our public departments, would prove but a slight protection against the impression that the perilous economy which he recommends and the slighting manner of being accepted by any Government. But Mr. Bright appears unable to discriminate between the cheers of an audience and the confidence of a nation. He has never, as it seems to us, gauged the true sources of political influence, nor even aspired to the reputation of a statesman. Agitation, in fact, he thinks a better, or at least a pleasanter thing than statesmanship; and so, while mediocrities of every description are working their way to the highest offices of State, and while the dearth of talent in public life is a subject of universal comment, Mr. Bright, one of the ablest men of the day, employs himself starring it in the provinces like a second-rate actor, ventilating eloquent fallacies which every mechanic can expose, and sowing class jealousies which every man of right feeling must denounce.

In his Huddersfield speech Mr. Bright belabours England and her Constitution with such a number of distinct charges that he leaves himself but little room for adducing evidence in support of any one of them. Thus, he assures "the vast mass of the population" in these countries that Parliaments, to a large extent, care very little about them. It would have been interesting to his hearers to have had this statement tested by a slight review of the legislation of late years, and of the amount of attention that questions affecting the masses of the population attracted in both Houses. In like manner, Mr. Bright hazards the assertion that the British Constitution is one of the worst of existing forms of Government. "Nothing can be worse," he says, "than a Representative Government in the name which is not a Representative Government in reality." So that, because these kingdoms do not enjoy the benefits of universal suffrage, they suffer under a worse form of Government than Austria, or Turkey, or Naples, or Spain. So remarkable a statement should have been substantiated by a comparison between the Government of England and some of those which are thus put on a par with it.

Bowyer and Maguire would, no doubt, have been only too happy to furnish Mr. Bright with the statistics of one favoured population, the Government of which would shine in bright contrast by the side of our quasi-Representative system. Mr. Bright, however, does take some trouble to prove that the British Government is really non-representative, but the proof he offers is one that will hardly carry conviction to many readers. In few words it is this:—That since 1846, when the Corn Laws were abolished, there has been no real majority in Parliament in favour of any Government, or of any particular person. In 1857, indeed, there seemed to be a considerable majority for Lord Palmerston, but the appearance was illusory, as only twelve months afterwards that statesman was ejected from power. Now, Mr. Bright considers that all this time there was a very decided majority in the country, although he does not specify for whom or for what this majority declared itself. Now, as there was no decided majority in Parliament to express the views of the supposed majority in the country, Mr. Bright draws the conclusion that our pretended Representative Parliament is a sham. Perhaps, however, the true explanation of the equilibrium that has prevailed between the principal Parliamentary parties since 1846 is this, that there was a like equilibrium of parties in the country at large. Mr. Bright, indeed, loftily ignores this hypothesis, for he tells his listeners, that "during these years, your Government, whether it has been the Government of Lord Derby, or the Government of Lord Palmerston, or the Government of any other Minister, has been faced by a numerous and powerful Opposition, which has rendered it unable, even if willing, to do those things which you, the Liberal people of Huddersfield and England, wish your Government to do." But, with all due deference to the liberal people of Huddersfield and England, we would ask, why should not the Conservative people of Huddersfield and England have their views represented in Parliament as well as their Liberal fellow-countrymen? And if the Liberal and the Conservative portions of the people should happen to be about equally balanced, we don't see what else could or ought to happen them that this equilibrium should be reproduced within the walls of Parliament. Mr. Bright, perhaps, assumes that all the non-electors in the kingdom, or at least a vast majority of them, are with him. But we question that. We rather suspect that at one time Mr. Feargus O'Connor was a shade more popular than Mr. Bright, and we certainly cannot think it would have improved the British Government much to have Mr. Feargus O'Connor at the head of affairs.—We really sympathise with Mr. Bright in his lamentations over the many wasted sessions of Parliament he has assisted at. "I am so distressed," he says, "so weary, so disgusted, and at times so hopeless, that I often, at the end of a useless session, think myself a fool above all other fools for spending my time, my labour, my life, in the House of Commons, and am half resolved, as a duty to myself and my family, to seek the only office that possibly I may ever hold—the office of steward of the Chiltern Hundreds."

These are the words of a man conscious that he has missed opportunities and thrown away a great career. But the fault rests, we think, not so much with the Parliament as with Mr. Bright himself. It is not that the British Parliament is, as he poetically complains, "a field where there is no soil to grow anything, and upon which neither the shower falls nor the sun shines;" but that Mr. Bright did not apply to that field the patient and intelligent agriculture which was necessary, in order to raise from it a crop of wise legislation and good Government. Mr. Bright chose to take up one cry after another—peace at any price, financial retrenchment at any risk, American institutions, crusades against birth and landed property—until he ruined his Parliamentary influence, and rendered it impossible for any Government to convict itself by a connexion with him. If he had only chosen to devote his great abilities to any of the great political problems of his time—the government of India, for instance; the improvement of our legal, financial, or military systems; the settlement of our educational or ecclesiastical questions; the adjustment of the relations between landlord and tenant, and between labour and capital—nay, if he had seriously applied himself to thoroughly master that very question of Parliamentary Representation on which he has of late delivered so many harangues he would not now be compelled to look back on his Parliamentary career with so much bitterness, and to feel that the wretched vocation of the agitator is the only path left open to his ambition and his powers.

The *Times* on Mr. Bright's Speech at Huddersfield:—

The vein of abuse which Mr. Bright has opened against Parliament and all our institutions is very rich. It contains 10 per cent. of good metal. We agree with him that the House of Commons does not represent the people, or England in any sense, truly and faithfully; we agree with him that there has been, and still is, vast waste in the management of our Army and Navy; we agree with him that the Established Church does not meet, or pretend to meet, the spiritual wants of the country, even as those wants are measured by a good Churchman. But what is it all to the purpose, and what is to be done? Mr. Bright answers to the question is "Parliamentary Reform." That is meant to be the practical inference from his arguments; yet his reasoning fails at every point, and he goes on abusing everything and everybody, when the argument itself would have required some intermission of abuse, and just a lighter shade or two in the very gloomy picture. "The House of Commons," says Mr. Bright, "has no principle of its own; it only passes the measures forced upon it. See how it did with Reform, with the Criminal Code, with Church-rates, with India, with the Corn Laws, and other sources of vexation. It only admitted the grievance when it could stop its part no longer." The natural inference from all this is that people have only to express themselves very strongly, and Parliament will attend to them. Why, this is not bad, as things go. What more does any body expect from a Parliament? When you go to an hotel or a shop you may lament that the cook has no enterprise and the upholsterer no original genius, but you may wish to dispense with the trouble of finding out for yourselves what it is you want, but if the cook sends up the dinner you order, and the linendraper the precise quantity and quality of bowelling you wrote down, you have not much to complain of. It is quite possible that an enterprising Parliament, desirous to go ahead of the people, might go ahead of Mr. Bright; but the theory of representation insisted on by all Radical Reformers is that it shall be really representative—representing, not the institutions, the wealth, or the character of England, but the people, and nothing but the people. According to Mr. Bright, the House of Commons represents the people only too slavishly. It is a dull beast; it wants spur and whip; but it does its work mortally, as the pace the rider wishes. What more is wanted? *We* think something more; but then we do not quite go along with Mr. Bright.

"But the House of Commons," says Mr. Bright, "is slow, and without any spontaneous interest in Reform, because a very large proportion of its members are personally interested in keeping things as they are. At least 300 members on one side or the other receive from the public purse five times as much as they contribute to it. Of course, they will never reform Parliament, or anything else, if they can help it." This may be a lamentable fact, but how is it to be avoided? Were the representation made more popular, there would only be a still stronger necessity for administering patronage with a view to support. There would still be a whipper-in, and his office would be more laborious than ever. The exercise of official patronage in this country is Utopian virtue and happiness itself compared with the quadrennial transfer of office in the United States. The representation of France from 1815 to 1849 was according to a charter, uniform and without anomalies. It also included a large proportion of the class whose absence Mr. Bright so feelingly laments in this country. It was made the vehicle of a universal corruption, and conveyed governing influence to every elector in the land. Let us reform the House of Commons by all means; but if we do it ever so effectually we shall find Mr. Bright ten years hence still considering whether to continue his thankless patriotism or apply for the Chiltern Hundreds. In one respect the House of Commons represents the people only too faithfully. The people are not so desirous of theoretical reforms but that a very slight interest in the existing system will make them Conservatives, or very slack Reformers. A sense of public duty is the result of high principle, good influences, and education. Of the dozen men you may meet in Cheapside or Dooley-street, ten at least will be quite ready to ask the favour of a place, with the implied understanding that for the future you will be friends, or not very bitter foes. Go a grade lower; descend to the £5 householders, or lower, to those who can boast of nothing but their manhood, and Mr. Bright may learn something about them from the Messrs. Leatham, his enterprising, though not equally fortunate, brothers-in-law.

But Mr. Bright's most original argument against the House is one which acquires a peculiar interest in his mouth. Ever since the repeal of the Corn Laws there has been no such thing as a strong party, or an absolute or really effective majority in the House. There has been no steady Government, secure of its position, and sufficiently at ease to originate measures with a confidence that they would be passed. Ministries have lasted but a short time; a twelvemonth has been sufficient to throw Lord Derby or Lord Palmerston from his seat; a general election has left the Ministers a trifling majority, which half-a-dozen votes this way or that would destroy. No sooner has the Minister concerted his measures than he has to leave them unfinished; and the result is an utter abeyance of government in one of its chief constitutional senses, as taking the lead of legislation. The fact, as stated by Mr. Bright, is deplorable enough, and he has not done it more than justice. But who is to blame for it? If any one man is more responsible for the fact than another, it is Mr. Bright himself, who now for many years has pursued no other describable policy than the weakening and destruction of the Government for the time being. It has been the labour of his life to bring about that which in his own estimation is the most damning vice in the existing House of Commons. Why, what is this but the trick of the plumber to burn your house to find him a job; or the horse-doctor, who has ways of his own to bring all your stud into his list of patients? To make an evil, and then make that evil an agent for something else, is a policy which Mr. Bright shares with the least respectable class of practitioners. Mr. Bright has repeatedly voted for no reason whatever but to turn out a Government; but, seeing there is no doubt as to the fact, and it is not to be denied that our Governments are now removable at the very shortest notice, what becomes of Mr. Bright's other complaints against the House of Commons? On his own showing it has absolute power, and even uses that power with caprice. We will be fair, though he is not. He says it is powerful because it represents the aristocracy, and can afford to care little either for the Crown, the people, or the Lords themselves, as a branch of the Legislature, and ever since the Revolution we have been ruled by the great families. Strange to say, the Revolution, the Reform Bill, the repeal of the Corn Laws, have a curious character of leaving the Government of the country worse than it was before. It is impossible to resist these concurrent testimonies. Unfortunately, the one disorder to which they all point is not one within the reach of Mr. Bright or our own. We cannot profess to cure a disorder which is not touched by gentle remedies, and which violent operations only discover and establish. There must be something in the English nation which no Reform can remove. The Englishman, after all, is a very good fellow, and not much of a patriot. He is a warm-hearted, comfortable fellow, always ready for a job, and willing to serve his friend at any cost. Sometimes it is the turn of a Court, then of an aristocracy, then of a people, then of a populace, till we get to the lowest unit of society. But everywhere the Englishman is the same; and though he loves his country, he loves his friends—we will not say himself—even more.

The *Daily News* on the explanation of the *Moniteur*:—

Are we guilty of an inexpiable sin if we venture to hint to the directors of public opinion over the water that Europe is beginning to be deaf to the *Moniteur*, charm it never so wisely? It may save M. de la Guerronière and his employers a world of trouble if we make a clean breast of it, and confess at once that we are in the habit of reading their compositions from left to right, in Hebrew fashion, in the hope of taking the most ambiguous phrases in reverse. After nearly eight years' experience we begin to read the riddles of the Sphinx between the lines; but the process is a tedious one, and we are heartily sick of playing Œdipus. We know too well the machinery of publicity as it is worked under the Empire, the system of premonitory recommendations which are not warnings, the lithographic sheets of virulent insult to allies, the suborned correspondence of M. de Walewski's agents in cosmopolitan journals, the semi-official threats and disavowals, and finally the ambiguous solemnity of the *Moniteur*, when a bad case requires a more than usually careful falsification. When, therefore, the official journal of the French Empire caps the mission of M. de Reiset and Prince Poniatowski with a declaration which has the single demerit of being the opposite of fact, we study it rather with the curiosity of political psychologists than in the credulous hope of obtaining new light on the transactions of the last two months in Central Italy. The Convention of Villafranca gains little by the historical interpretation which it receives in the *Moniteur*. It is not until the delegates of the Emperor's household have failed in their mission of conciliation and persuasion, not until the neutral States have proposed a Congress, not until the fugitive Dukes have returned to Vienna, not until the elections in Tuscany, Modena, Parma, and the Romagnas are known, that the *Moniteur* of the French Empire deigns to tell us truly all its fears and all its disappointment at the turn which Italian affairs have taken since the armistice. We see no reason to disown on the part of our Italian friends the conduct which has displeased the *Moniteur*. They have presumed it is true to take the word of an Emperor in its literal sense, and to disregard the afterthought of the apologists of Villafranca. They have acted as if it were the decision of the Liberator that Italy should be free from the Alps to the Adriatic, and have accepted the invitation to be the free citizens of a great nation, forgetting that the decision was reversed, and the invitation recalled. How were the Tuscans, the Parmesans, the Modenese, and the Romagnols to know two months ago that the Emperor of Austria had promised to grant concessions on a large scale to Venetia? Nothing of the kind was even understood in the Villafranca programme; nor was it even whispered that the return of the Dukes was a *sine qua non*. M. de Reiset and M. Poniatowski may have been instructed to hold out the Emperor of Austria's beneficent reservations in favour of Venetia as a bait to the simplicity of the populations of Central Italy; but it was not until Central Italy had provided for its own safety and asserted its own independence that even this dexterous subterfuge was so much as invented.

The *Moniteur* has been so long accustomed to address an audience of voluntary dupes, that even in the early Autumn of the year which has witnessed the declaration of war against Austria, and the Milan proclamation to Italy, it has the courage to write without shame that "that portion of the treaty of Villafranca not having been carried out"—which was never heard of until now, and which even the French Emperor would have shrunk from announcing to his army at Valleggio—namely, the return of the Archdukes under Austrian auspices—"Austria will find herself freed from all engagements wherever in favour of Venetia," which engagements have been hitherto kept a profound secret between a couple of Emperors. The clauses of the Convention of Villafranca have been published, and their authenticity has not been denied; they gave to Austria a group of Italy which she had never yet possessed, a position altogether superior to that which she had lost, and a power of intervention in the affairs of the Peninsula which she had never before enjoyed. Nothing but the most unscrupulous effrontery could have ventured to say that the Treaty of Villafranca was not carried out, and that Austria was not free from all engagements in favour of Venetia. Yet the *Moniteur* has ventured to say so, and has thereby given the measure of the credulity which it expects to find in its readers.

Papal misgovernment a new complication; to the Duchies an insulting compromise; to Italy desolation and despair. And now the *Moniteur* announces that if after the conclusion of peace the destinies of Italy had been confided to men who had more a heart the future, their common country then *had partial successes*, but that their endeavours would have been to develope and not to obstruct the consequences of the treaty of Villafranca. The "little partial successes" are, forsooth, the Independence of Tuscany, of Parma, Modena, and the Duchies. What the development of the treaty of Villafranca might have been we can only judge by what its classes are. "And then"—if the Duchies had freely consented to the return of the Austrian Duke—Venetia would have been placed in the same position as Luxembourg to Holland." At what precise moment this marvellous historic analogy was discovered we should like to know. We always fancied that Luxembourg formed part of the Germanic Confederation, though attached to the Crown of Holland. It is pretended that Venetia, belonging to an Italian confederation in which Austria should be predominant, and attached to the Crown of Austria, would be in the same position as Luxembourg? The merest schoolboy will laugh this "idea" to scorn.

It is a little late to fabricate a compromise which would have exposed its inventors to derision, had it been devised at a moment when compromise was not impossible. The *Moniteur*, even in its happiest moments of soft speaking, is nothing if not sinister. It is good enough to vouchsafe the assurance that the Archdukes will not be restored by foreign force; but by way of compensation, it adds that "instead of a policy of reconciliation and peace, a feeling of distrust and hatred will be seen to reappear, which will entail great misfortunes." In other words, the intrigues of the reconciled Emperors will continue to foment intestine troubles as a pretext for foreign interventions; and no wonder a Congress "which we hail with all our wishes" is hardly expected under these encouraging circumstances to obtain better conditions for Italy. A voice from St. Sauveur, admonished, no doubt, by the peaceful and charitable influences of that favoured region, benevolently admits that "it would not be right to ask from a great Power important concessions without offering equitable compensations." Surely it is a pity that this very just reflection had not occurred to its author last New Year's-day. It is true that the real and the ostensible objects of a war are not always identical, and that when the question is of peace or war is a matter of one man's convenience, it is apt to depend on considerations which have very little to do with what the *Moniteur* calls "an idea," unless it be an idea that an Emperor Napoleon is bound to prove himself a General, to show that he can stand fire, and to make a campaign of Italy; not to mention the urgent demand for a new *mise en scène* on St. Napoleon's Day. If, then, war be indeed the only way to resolve the difficulty which the Peace of Villafranca has rather exasperated than resolved, Europe as well as Italy has a right to complain. A nation that professes to fight for "an idea" ought at least to fight with a tolerably clear idea of all possible consequences, whether on the Mincio or the Rhine. The only nation in Europe that fights for "an idea" ought at least to "accomplish its task." Now, comparing the article of the *Moniteur* dated the 9th of August, with the Milan proclamation, who but an Emperor would have the courage to say that "France has accomplished her task in Italy?" It is not, we hasten to acknowledge, the fault of France that her task remains unaccomplished; neither, perhaps, is it the fault of France that the task was undertaken by her Emperor.

The *Morning Herald* on our National Defences:—

The whole country is waiting with a keen interest for the report of the commission on national defences. After the excitement which was kindled in and out of Parliament it is a comfortable reflection that the present comparative repose is not a listless reaction, but a patient anticipation of the final settlement of the question. We have done battle with a tardy Government and won the day, and it is to be hoped that we shall get more out of the commissioners than Lord Palmerston would have given us of his own free will. It will be something, at any rate, to have an account of our fortifications and defensive resources apart from an official statement of the requisite pecuniary outlay. The annual narrative of a State Secretary may or may not be honest; it may be delivered by a Sir John Pakington or a Sir Charles Wood; but nineteen times out of twenty it reads as though it were intended to square with something untold. It is like a builder's estimate—we know there is something behind to be heard of hereafter. Besides, the annual votes set apart for the fortifications are almost always incomplete driblets, which make their appearance year after year, and occasionally the works themselves are put a stop to in a very summary and unfinished manner.

Such is the dread of a heavy outlay on these things, and there is such a fatality apparently against completion, that we are in some fear that the looked-for report will be in the nature of a timid compromise after all. It cannot satisfy every one. But the more it displeases a certain section of men who are always ready to raise their voices against the national wish the more it will be worth adopting. Mr. Bright and his crew make up their minds, it is supposed, to be always on the unacceptable side, and take to unpopularity as naturally as plants do to the material which more highly organised beings get rid of. The country must not look for any acquiescence from them unless they think that by acquiescing they can get rid of the subject for the present. It is to be hoped that the commissioners will recommend a present outlay in order that the proper defensive standard may at once reached, and hereafter conscientiously maintained by subsequent Administrations. England had for so many years been engaged in war from time to time, previous to the peace of 1815, that the mere force of circumstances, actively kept up by repeated hostilities, compelled her to be always prepared. Forty years of peace made her like a fish out of water, and that water the very stream in which Mr. Cobden and his companions have been floating for some years past. This accounts readily enough for a great deal of the clumsiness which has been the wonder of the world, and for the noisy energy which has excited the sententious garrulity of M. de Morny. Almost for the first time in her history England has enjoyed a prolonged peace—that is to say, a peaceful understanding—with France, and having actually looked on at a European war, Englishmen are beginning to hope that peace is a reality. At least they know something of the blessings of tranquillity, and are anxious to decide upon what terms (with themselves) these blessings can be preserved. Accordingly the people are about to inform themselves upon the fact; and if the elements of security happen to take the shape of ships, guns, and bastions, we may be thankful that they are made of such stable materials. Oaths and promises are worth nothing, and treaties are torn up; and since France herself has taken such a liberal view of peace establishments, in beginning a gigantic war upon such a foolish standard, Englishmen must shape their views according to the necessities of the times.

In anticipating the report of the commissioners we again say that the country must be prepared for a compromise. There may be a compromise without incompleteness, and moderation without failure. Something must be settled midway between a line of coast frowning with guns and battlements, never to be held when the tug of war comes, and the inviting nakedness of the year '35. We want a system which may be kept at a *minimum* rather than not kept at all, but which can be expanded into a war demonstration at the bidding of the Government of the day. We want a statement of England's necessities in the matter of defence, a list of *sine quibus non*, which it may be treason, folly, or Cobdenism to alter, and a standard book of reference in the hour of uncertainty and danger. If the forthcoming report goes as minutely into its subject as is the habit of commissions generally, we ought to have a clear financial statement, not only of the proposed amendments, but of the current expenses which will be incurred by maintaining in force the recommendations of the commissioners. Such a statement would be a valuable key in unravelling the mystifications of the regular estimates, and in judging of the adequacy or extravagance of the sums demanded in those annual appeals to the endurance of Englishmen. There can be no doubt of a prevailing impression that a large amount of the public money voted for the defence is miserably invested. Of actual fraud there exists probably nothing. But the result obtained for 25 millions sterling, as we now see it, is unsatisfactory in the extreme. More ought to be done with the money, and that more must be done, before the agitation is over is a growing determination in the public mind. It is clearly from this point of view that the defence question is gradually being discussed. Other matters have become fixed points; the sliding scale is now only a pecuniary, or rather economical one. Not pecuniary in the sense of withholding supplies, but of exacting good returns. A Channel fleet has been determined upon, as well as a Mediterranean squadron. We have already a band of volunteers, and are to have a naval reserve. The art of gunnery is constantly on the move, and it is altogether certain that the nation is removable upon the question of material efficiency. The next step is to ascertain what all this ought to cost, and those who are in the best way to tell us are the commissioners, who, we will hope, are investigating the subject.

The latter portion of the so-called forty years' peace has witnessed a curious exemplification of international friendliness. No occupation has seemed to require half so much time as that of improving the implements of war. Varieties of rifled cannon spring up like mushrooms, and the invention of to-day becomes antiquated to-morrow. Where is all this to end? War itself might only stop it for a time. The only remedy seems to be in the shape of a check to the restless spirit of invention, a little less credulity, and a little more steadiness of purpose, on the part of those who have a voice in the matter. We may take it for granted that within the next few years all sorts of "improvements" will be submitted to Government, and most of them on the long-bow principle. Have we not got something in the Armstrong gun which is good for ten years at least? What can ordinary mortals with five senses do with anything beyond? Chivalry steps in to discuss invention at a certain point, or half a ship's crew would be poisoned and sniffed with a few shells that could be made in a chemist's laboratory. Civilisation will hear of nothing but gunpowder and jagged metal for the ordinary purposes of destruction, so that if the present generation does not actually reach a limit, it may reasonably expect to come to a pause in the invention of shot and shell. Then, again, there is the great controversy of wood and iron vessels, floating batteries and steam rams. All these things serve to keep men in an unwholesome state of agitation. Give a boy a gun, or a bow and arrow, and he is never at rest till he has tried them. And we may be sure that if angry words ever arise between two great nations this uncertainty of the value of weapons will not help out a peaceful settlement. "Fighting it out" is a method of adjustment familiar to the English character at any rate, and the phrase comes to the lips glibly enough. Even Mr. Cobden confessed that he heard it whispered only a few weeks ago. But, then, we were all very angry, and incurred the censure of a paternal Government for an unnecessary display of temper. That we may all become calm, resolute yet reasonable, under the influence of the commissioners' report, is a very natural and laudable desire.

QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.

Mr. Robson's engagement at this theatre terminated on Saturday evening, on which occasion the performances were for his benefit, and we are happy to state that the audience was one of the largest that has assembled on any night during the engagement to study and be delighted with the masterly impersonations of this most original actor. The pieces selected by him, for representation on his benefit night, called for the exercise, on his part, of widely different qualities—so different, indeed, and apparently incompatible with each other, that we believe they have never been formed to exist in the same person—certainly not to such a remarkable degree of perfection as they do in Mr. Robson. The pieces were *Daddy Hardacre* and *Boots at the Swan*, the one involving the possession of intense tragic power, and the other requiring the keenest sense of humour and fullest capacity for conveying that humour, so as to give the two leading characters the success that Mr. Robson has taught us they deserve. It is needless to say that in the scene in which he discovers that he has been robbed of his cherished gold, and subsequently learns that the perpetrator of this dreadful wrong upon him is his beloved daughter, for whom alone, of all the human race, he entertains affection, his acting bore upon it throughout the stamp of true genius. His rage and despair at his loss were startling, and his occasional gleams of affection for his daughter, breaking out through the tempest of his fury were pourtrayed with a striking fidelity to nature. He was called before the curtain, and most enthusiastically applauded. In the farce of *Boots at the Swan* he kept the audience in a roar of laughter, and having been again brought before the curtain at the close, he briefly but forcibly expressed his grateful sense of the kindness he had always experienced from the Dublin public, and stated that he ascribed the position to which he had attained in London to the judicious encouragement afforded him at the commencement of his career in this city.

Fashionable Intelligence.

(*From the Court Circular.*)

BALMORAL, SEPTEMBER 8.

Her Majesty, accompanied by the Princesses Alice and Helena, and attended by Lady Churchill, drove yesterday to Dhu Loch.

The Prince Consort went out deer-stalking.

The Royal dinner party included the Princess Alice, Sir George Grey, Dr. Robertson, Sir James Clark, and the Ladies and Gentlemen in Waiting.

The Right Hon. William Cowper left town on Friday.

The Marquis of Sligo, the Marquis of Clanricarde, the Earl of Howth, the Earl of Pembroke, and Lord St. Lawrence, are among the latest arrivals at the Baths of Homburg.

Robert French, Esq., Miss Blake, and suite, have left Saltown for Kilmore Palace, County Cavan.

The Lord Chief Justice has left Old Connaught for Carriglass.

The Earl and Countess of Clare, Lord and Lady Wharncliffe, and Lady Willoughby Gordon are prolonging their stay at Calverley Park Hotel, Tonbridge Wells.

We understand Lord and Lady Castlemaine mean to return to Moydrum Castle from Cambersmere, Sutherlandshire, the first week in October; and we hear his lordship and party have had great sport both in grouse-shooting and salmon-fishing at his son-in-law's (Samuel Bateson, Esq.) since his arrival there in August.—*Westmeath Independent.*

Mr. and Mrs. Bayly have returned to their residence, 96, Leeson-street, from the Continent.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Down preached before his Excellency at the Chapel Royal, Dublin Castle, yesterday.

Mr. and Lady Isabella Stewart, accompanied by Lady Emily Toler, have left Belgrave-square for Ards, County Donegal, for the season.

The Dean of Ardagh has left Dublin Castle, for Pinninghame House, Wigtonshire, N.B.

Lord Annesley and his brother are expected this week at Costello, where the Right Hon. Richard Hely Hutchinson is at present staying.

Mr. Jeffery, who it was stated had invented a gun which would carry from Dover to Calais, has declared this statement to be wholly untrue. The disclaimer was hardly necessary.

Departures from the Railway Hotel, Galway.—His Royal Highness the Count de Paris and the Duke De Chartres, for Surrey, England; Frederick Fredcroft, Esq., Mrs. Fredcroft, and the Countess of Uxbridge, for London; Right Hon. Robert Lowe and Mrs. Lowe, Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Lady Mayoress, Sir John Lawrence K.C.B., and Lady Lawrence, and family, after a tour through the Highlands of Connemara; the Lord Bishop of Winchester, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Summer, Rev. Mr. Jacob, Rev. Mr. Dallis, for Clifden; Major Wade, Hon. Captain Le Poer Trench, Captain Campbell, Mr. Eyre, Clifden Castle.

Latest Departures from the Salt Hill Hotel:—Judge and Mrs. Hargreave, for Leeds, Yorkshire; the Hon. F. Peel, M.P., and Mrs. Peel and suite, for Killarney; the Earl and Countess of Carnwath, family, and suite, for Torquay. Arrivals—The Dean of Armagh and Mrs. Disney, Captain and Mrs. Coote and suite.

ILLNESS OF HORACE ROCHFORT, ESQ.—We have great pleasure in being able to announce that the above respected gentleman, who was unwell for a few days, in London, is perfectly recovered, and is now on his way home. We mention this as reports have been in circulation of his being still in a very bad state of health.—*Carlow Sentinel.*

BRAY.

The band of the 22d Regiment will perform at Bray this day, from three until six o'clock p.m., weather permitting.

The band of the Royal Lanark Militia will play at Kingstown on Wednesday next.

The band of the 3d Light Dragoons will play at Kingstown on Saturday.

The Church.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has appointed the Rev. George B. Wheeler, A.M., to the chaplaincy of Smithfield Government Prison.

The Army.

The Defence Commission, consisting of Gen. Sir H. D. Jones, Sir F. Abbot, Gen. Cameron, Col. Lefroy, Captain Key, R.N., and Mr. Ferguson—recently appointed by the House of Commons to inquire into the state of the national defences—were at Portland on Thursday, and made a long inspection of the fortification works now in progress for the defence of the harbour; and also witnessed some interesting experiments for the practical testing of the relative shot—resisting merits of the Portland rosch stone and Cornish granite. A massive piece of masonry, representing a section of the circular batteries about to be erected on the breakwater, was built at the foot of the cliff on the north shore of the island, and was subjected to a close and well-directed fire from a 68-lb. gun from her Majesty's ship Blenheim, which had taken up a position about 500 yards distant. The result of the firing was satisfactory, and will afford valuable data to the War Office as to the relative strength of the different stones, one half of the section being roach and the other granite.

The Defence Commission will probably continue their investigations some time longer, as the works to be examined and those in contemplation are of a most formidable character, and will doubtless make the island and harbour of Portland the most secure of any we possess, not excepting Gibraltar or Malta. The breakwater is making rapid progress, and has already advanced about 2,400 yards from the north-eastern ext

FLORENCE.

FLORENCE, SEPT. 11TH.—To-day Signor Ricasoli reviewed the National Guard, the crowd shouting "Viva il Re!" S. Ricasoli has published an order of the day, thanking the Guard in the name of the country, and the King of Sardinia, for their bearing and discipline, expressing confidence in the future, and hoping that the Guard and regular troops would support the wishes of the country.

PARMA.

PARMA, SEPT. 11TH.—The National Assembly, after having received the report of the commissioners, voted unanimously and by ballot the declaration of the Bourbon dynasty, and the perpetual expulsion from the government of the State of all Princes of that house. On the same sitting a vote of thanks to the Emperor Napoleon was agreed to. The following proposals were taken into consideration:—

First—The annexation of the States to the Kingdom of Sardinia, under the constitutional sceptre of King Victor Emmanuel.

Second—The construction of a silver medal, to be distributed among the inhabitants of those provinces which have taken part in the late war.

Third—The erection of a monument to perpetuate the names of those patriots who have died for their country since 1848.—*Reuter's Telegram.*

RUMOURED OUTBREAK OF A FRESH WAR WITH CHINA.

The *Observer* is not able either to confirm or contradict the intelligence respecting the outbreak of war with the Chinese, the reported attack on the English and French fleets, and the return of the Ambassadors. The news is without date. The *Observer* remarks that it may be true for all that. If true, the war with China, and an attack on Pekin are inevitable.

THE KING OF THE BELGIANS.

PARIS, SEPT., 10.—The Prince Chimay has arrived at Biarritz, and has taken up his quarters at the magnificent Chateau Dardon, which he has hired for the reception of the King of the Belgians. His Majesty travels under the name of the Comte de Later.

THE CONFERENCES.

ZURICH, SEPTEMBER 10.—To-day the French and Austrian Plenipotentiaries held a conference. A courier has arrived from the French Cabinet, and another has left for Paris.

Wednesday and Thursday there were no Conferences of the Plenipotentiaries. Yesterday the Sardinian Plenipotentiaries held a conference with M. de Bourqueney which lasted two hours.

THE NEW CRISIS ON THE ITALIAN QUESTION.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily News* communicates as follows:—"The practical consequences immediately arising out of this manifesto appears to be that there will be no congress, so that if the ungrateful people of Central Italy refuse to take back their Princes, Austria is at liberty to consider the stipulation of Villafranca as unfulfilled, and may act accordingly; that if she should think to force these pretenders upon these ungrateful people at the point of the bayonet she may do so, for France has done enough, and wishes her hands rid of the whole business.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, SEPT. 10.—The official portion of the *Weiner Zeitung* of this day contains an Imperial decree for the regulation of the Protestant Churches in Hungary, the Wodochaft, Croatice, and Slavonia, and the Military boundary district. The non-official part of the same paper contains an article promising that great concessions will be made to the Protestants of all other Provinces. A Protestant member has already been elected to the consistory of Vienna. Baron Binck, formerly Minister of the Interior, and lately appointed Ambassador to Rome, is about to leave for that city.

SPAIN.

Letters received from Madrid to 5th inst. state that the English Ambassador had addressed inquiries to the Government of Spain, concerning the concentration of Spanish troops in Algesiras. The reply of Spain is said to have been drawn up with great courtesy, but did not fully explain the reason of the concentration of troops at this point.

AMERICA.

LIVERPOOL, SUNDAY.—The Royal Mail steamer Asia, Captain Lott, has arrived, bringing 62 passengers, and 102,450 dollars in specie. Dates to 31st ult. The following steamships had arrived out:—The Etna, on the 28th; City of Washington, 20th, hence; the Ariel, from Southampton, 30th. The Indian, hence, reached Quebec 29th, and the Jason, from Galway, Cape Race, 30th. The news is unimportant. Californian advices are to 8th of August; news unimportant. There was a healthy demand for goods at San Francisco, at unchanged prices. A duel between Senators Gwin and Broderick was expected to take place. The determination of the President to put a stop to the gross frauds on the Treasury by false vouchers was causing some little consternation at Washington. Senor Lerdos, the Mexican Envoy, had gone to New York to await instructions. The Canadian Telegraph had been much interrupted between Farther Point and Quebec by the influence of the Aurora borealis.

Venezuelan advices state that President Castro had been overthrown by the Constitutional party. The steamship Empire City had reached New York from Havana with news to 24th ult., and 776,031 dollars in specie.

COMMERCIAL.—The markets were dull, and freights slightly declined. New York money market abundantly supplied at unchanged rates. The Stock market was excited, and prices considerably advanced. Sterling exchange closed firm at 109½ to 110¼ per cent. Ashes—Pots scarce, and 25 cents. dearer—5 dols. 37½ cents. to 5 dols. 57 cents; pearls quiet, and nominal at 5 dols. 25 cents. Coffee quiet but firm. Cotton very quiet; middling uplands 11¼ cents. Flour—State and western heavy, at a decline of 15 to 20 cents.; southern dull. Wheat quiet and slightly lower. Corn materially declined; western, mixed, 80 cents. Iron—Scotch pig in fair demand at 23 to 24 dols. Spirits of turpentine firm, and half a cent. dearer. Rosin—Common depressed. Provisions—Pork fluctuating, but prices maintained. Beef dull, and unchanged. Lard more active. Sugar quiet but steady. Tallow firm butchers', 10¾. Freights dull. Cotton to Liverpool 7.30 seconds to ¼.

NEW ORLEANS, AUGUST 30TH.—Cotton unchanged in prices. Sales to-day, 3,000 bales; new middling, 12½ cents.

AUSTRALIA.

The clipper-ship Eagle has arrived in the Mersey from Melbourne, which port she left on the 4th of June. She has 34,000 ounces of gold on board, and a large cargo.

THE GREAT EASTERN—DREADFUL ACCIDENT.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, 10 A.M.—The Great Eastern has just anchored in the passage from the Nore at Hastings. A terrific explosion occurred in the funnel casing of the forward boilers. The fittings of the grand saloon and lower deck cabins were blown to pieces. 18 firemen and stokers were scalded or burnt. Two are since dead. One jumped overboard and was drowned. Five are not expected to live. By an almost miraculous interposition, no passenger was burnt. The names of the killed are—John Boyd, of Millwall, fireman; Michael Mahoney ditto, jumped overboard, Edward Patrick Gorman. Those severely hurt are Michael Mulroy, C. Edwards, J. Voxon, Liverpool; R. Adams, Rotherhithe; William Sparks, Mile-end; and William Peebles. The slightly injured are William Briston and Rawlinson. The ship and machinery, with the exception of the burst funnel, is all right.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

PORTLAND HARBOUR, SEPT. 10.

Yesterday, at 6 p.m., an accident occurred on board the Great Eastern. The feed-water pipe casing of the foremost chimney collapsed, owing so some neglect. Several stokers are seriously injured. Three since dead. The passengers are not injured. The ship and machinery are uninjured, except the main cabin fittings, which are damaged. The working of the engines continued, and the ship proceeded on her passage to Portland uninterrupted.—(Signed) G. Scott, and Six Directors.

ACCIDENT TO THE PERSIA.

The ship Ben Nevis, arrived yesterday from Quebec reports that on the 5th she passed the Persia, with cranks pin broken, which the engineers were endeavouring to repair, and is supposed to have proceeded on her way, no announcement having been made of her arrival in any of the Irish ports.

ENGLISH FUNDS.

CITY, SATURDAY EVENING.—Funds stationary at yesterday's closing prices. Share markets all quiet.

FUNDS AND SHARES—SEPT. 10.

Exchequer Bills, 20 51 Chester and Holyhead, 20½; Antwerp, Hollingsteel, and Rupert Silesian, 3d pm; Caledonian, 86½ ½; Edinburgh and Glasgow, 74½ 5; Great Northern, 100½ ½; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 97½ ½; Great Northern A. 85 6; Leeds, Northern, 44½ ½; London and North-Western, 99½; London and South Western, 85½; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 53½ 8; Midland, 103½; North British, 80½; South-Eastern, 76½ 7; York, Newcastle, and Berwick, 56½; York and North Midland, 71½ 2. Great Western of Canada, New, 9⅝ ⅜; Lombardo-Venetian, 2⅞ 3. New 2½ Consols closed at 95½ ⅜ for money. Shares all a shade easier, closing weak at above rates. Canadian and French inactive.

FRENCH FUNDS.

PARIS SATURDAY, 1.3 P.M.—The Rentes opened at a decline of nearly 1, at which all securities are offered. 3-30—The market closed firm, but there was very little doing. Rentes have risen to 68·55, or about the same as yesterday.

TATTERSALL'S—SATURDAY.

Great Yorkshire Handicap—100 to 10 against Paul, taken; 10 to 1 against Nucleus, taken; 10 to 1 against Julia, offered; 10 to 1 against Mutineer, offered; 10 to 1 against King-at-Arms, offered; 100 to 7 against Squire, offered; 10 to 1 against Coroner, offered; 10 to 6 against Defender, taken; 100 to 7 against Mazzini, taken.

St. Leger—100 to 60 on Promised Land; 5 to 1 against Summerside, taken and offered; 20 to 1 against Gamester, offered; 20 to 1 against Gladiolus, taken; 25 to 1 against Counforter, offered; 25 to 1 against Napoleon, offered.

Manchester Betting—The bettings will best explain the doings in our market.—100 to 6 was offered at one time against Julia, but her friends rallied, and took all the tens to one they could get.

Great Yorkshire Handicap—8 to 1 against Squire, taken; 8 to 1 against Mutineer, taken; 9 to 1 against Coroner, taken; 10 to 1 against Julia, taken freely; 12 to 1 against Paul, taken and offered; 14 to 1 against King-at-Arms, taken; 100 to 6 against Desperate, taken; 100 to 6 against Miss Whip, taken; 100 to 6 against Newstead, taken and wanted; 33 to 1 against Magnum, offered.

St. Leger—Offers to take 6 to 4 against Promised Land does not win; 5 to 1 against Summerside, taken; 100 to 8 against Trumpeter, offered; 100 to 8 against Marionette, offered; 16 to 1 against Gladiolus, taken; 20 to 1 against Napoleon, offers to take 25 to 1; 100 to 4 against Defender, taken; 50 to 1 against Aston, offered; 7 to 1 against Days, and taken.

SECOND EDITION.

IRISH TIMES' OFFICE,
Half-past 12 o'clock, p.m.

LATEST TELEGAMS.

WAR WITH CHINA.

The *Daily News* says we are once more at war with China, a war which neither the justice nor necessity is doubtful—a solemn treaty has been deliberately violated in that very provision which was framed in order to close a source of misunderstanding and strife, by establishing direct intercourse with the seat of Government. It is always with regret that we contemplate the prospects of collision with the races of the East, since compared with European races, they appear to be incapable of learning the lesson of defeat, and war succeeds with fearful rapidity, but in the present case our course is so clear, that we can only hope, for humanity's sake, this war may be prosecuted with vigour and complete success.

The *Times* announces that the treaty with China is at an end, by an act faithless, barbarous, and treacherous, that the treaty has been violated, but the barbarians who have so rudely abrogated their compact, will now learn what are the tremendous penalties imposed by civilization on a sanguinary and causeless breach of treaties, and feel vengance which even their perverted subtlety, and crude metaphysics, must admit to be necessary and just. The *Times* remarks that the loss of officers and men in this attack, is very much greater than that of the whole British fleet, in the engagement with the sea defences of Sebastopol, on the 17th of October 1854.

THE GREAT EASTERN.

WEYMOUTH, SUNDAY.—Of the unfortunate men injured by the explosion, Wm. Sparks, John Yoxon, and William Tait were removed to Portland Hospital, and are progressing favourably. Robert Adams and Richard Edwards remained on board in a very precarious condition. The bodies have been removed on shore, and the inquest will take place to-morrow. As to the cause of the accident, it appears that water-buckets were packed round the funnel in order that the heat might be kept from the cabins; and, secondly, the heated water might be introduced to the boilers at high temperature in order to save the fuel. The water-casing having become heated, steam was produced, and by the neglect of somebody was not let off, consequently the casing was burst by the vapour, and carried death and destruction in its train.

The correspondent of the *Herald*, who at the time of the accident, was standing abaft the paddle-wheels, heard a curious, dull, dead, yet loud sound, resembling the report of a distant gun; but this was the explosion, although the report was scarcely heard in the distant parts of the ship, the foremost funnel shot into the air some five or six feet. The whole of the roof of the grand saloon was in splinters, morsels of plate glass; windows and mirrors fell in showers, the funnel fell over the saloon girder, and lay partly on the deck and the saloon roof.

It is stated that as it will require about a fortnight to get the necessary repairs made in the ship, and the favourable season for the first American trip will soon be over, the idea of going to Holyhead has been abandoned; she will therefore sail direct from Portland for America, and arrive at Holyhead on her return to this country.

MAIL NEWS.

The Panther, with the Calcutta, China, and Australian mails, arrived at Marseilles at three o'clock this morning. Mails leave for London at 10 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The recent article in the *Moniteur* is still the subject of comment in this morning's papers.

The Pariscorrespondent of the *Daily News* says that general opinion assigned to it the character of a document rather necessitated by the dogged position assumed by Austria, than indicating the initiative of a new imperial policy.

Major-General Sir William Eyre, K.C.B., died on Saturday, at the comparatively early age of fifty-three.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

(Daily News' City Article.)

The Stock Exchange Market is unmarked by any event of importance; Consols closed at the same prices as yesterday. The demand for money in Lombard-street steady, about 10,000 in gold was sent into the Bank to-day.

(Times' City Article.)

The abundance of money overpowers all political influences, and the English funds, notwithstanding the depression on the Paris Bourse, had shown great steadiness throughout the day, very little business being done on Saturdays; the demand for money has been tight, and the rate in open market has been 2¾. Negotiations are understood to be still pending for a Sardinian loan; the Provincial government of Tuscany also requires financial aid. The Hamburgh letters state the suspension of the house of Mr. H. W. Duncker, but the liabilities are not supposed to be large.

FIRE IN STEPHEN-STREET.

A fire broke out at an early hour on Sunday morning on the premises, No. 3, Stephen-street, in the occupation of of Mr. T. O'Neill, tallow chandler, of 33, Golden-lane.

The fire was discovered at about five o'clock in the morning, and in a short time several engines were in attendance; that from the Ship-street Barracks, which was worked by the Royal Lanark Regiment, rendered especial service. Nearly the whole of the officers and men were present, and gave every assistance in their power in subduing the flames. Among the officers there, we observed the Adjutant, Captain Johnstone, Captain Robertson, Lieut. Mason, and Quartermaster Brown, who, with the Field Officer of the day, were most active and judicious in directing the efforts of their men in extinguishing the fire.

The entire of the premises were, we regret to say, destroyed, but fortunately the establishment of Messrs. Kinsley and Taggart on the one side, and of Mr. O'Brien on the other were preserved uninjured, owing to the energetic efforts made to subdue the flames.

FISHING TRAWLERS.—The four fishing trawlers of the Royal Irish Fisheries Company put up to sale on the 6th, at Ringsend Docks, Dublin, by Mr. Foxall, of the Commercial Buildings, realised £800. At the forthcoming sales next week at Galway and Dingle, several useful vessels and valuable plant will be offered, with a lucrative leasehold interest in the premises adjoining the proposed New Dock at Galway.—*Galway Vindicator.*

THIRD EDITION.

IRISH TIMES OFFICE,
Half-past Four o'clock.

LATESTET LEGRAMS.

INDIA.

The Red Sea and Indian Telegraph Company has received the following telegram:—

CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, AND CHINA MAILS.

Aden Telegraph Office, Aug. 29.

The Simla, from Calcutta, with the mails, arrived to-day. Lord Clyde, in a general order, warns European soldiers of the disadvantage of taking discharges; only a few have withdrawn their names. The numbers of discharges in Bengal will reach 6,000. The Sikhs on the Nepaul frontiers have had two successful engagements with the rebels.

The 5½ per cent. loan 5¼ to 5½ per cent. discount; exchange on London, 1st class paper, 6 months, 2s.

The English and French Secretaries of Legation to China are on board the Simla.

ADEN TELEGRAPH OFFICE, SEPT. 1ST.—The Ottoman from Bombay, with dates to 21st, has arrived. Some excitement exists among the Mahomedans of the Punjaub. The 5th and 6th Regiments of Madras Cavalry have shown symptoms of disaffection as Hyderabad. The Telegraph from Kurrachee to Lahore is completed.

FRANCE.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* states, that a naval officer has been despatched by the French Government to Perim, to ascertain whether the little island is being converted into a citadel, or is availed of simply as a pedestal for a useful lantern.

THE SPECIAL FRENCH ENVOY TO INDIA.

The French papers announced that a special agent, who was sent by the French Government on a secret mission to India, has presented a report to M. Walewski giving a very gloomy picture of the situation of India.

The correspondent of the *Times* remarks that the object of the Government in seeking information by means of a secret agent is not very clear, and must remain a matter of conjecture.

INCREASE OF THE FRENCH IMPERIAL GUARD.

The effective force of the Infantry regiments of the Imperial Guard is to be increased to 3,600 men, which will raise the number of troops in the division to 14,400 men. About 1,000 men of each regiment of the Guards have been sent home, their period of service having been about to expire, but they have been replaced by 1,500 men in each regiment who have already joined.

THE KING OF THE BELGIANS.

King Leopold is expected at Biarritz on Tuesday next, and will remain there, it is said, at least three days.

LIVERPOOL, MONDAY.—The Earl of Sefton of Liverpool, from Calcutta, has been destroyed by fire at Rangoon.

KILLALA CATHEDRAL.

A lengthened report has lately been published, subjoined to the abstract of the Treasurer's account of Killala Cathedral, for the previous year, in which the Dean remarks:—

"It is with very great pleasure, indeed, and with deep gratitude to Almighty God, in whose hands are the hearts of all men, that I am able to note that the large balance against the Fund, which I had to deplore last year, has now been nearly wiped away. The old friends of our venerable cathedral have maintained their accustomed position, while new ones have gladly come forward to aid us in our extremity, so that it is confidently hoped that next year the treasurer's account will show a balance in hands to meet any coming exigency, or to provide for some enlargement of our ecclesiastical institute.

"And surely it is a matter of great exultation, that, in this remote locality, and without a single farthing of economy estate, an organist and choir should be maintained by the sole liberality of the ecclesiastical corporation and the congregation, to stamp upon the celebration of the Divine worship that character which befits the cathedral church of the diocese. For, while we know how possible it is that with the highest musical association, Divine worship may be only a vain form, and void of that spiritual character which alone will be accepted of God—the Father of Spirits—yet we are equally assured that the aid of instrumental music, and of well-trained singers, is of divine origin, and tends much to elevate the feelings towards genuine worship. None acquainted with the provisions of God's ancient church, and the arrangements of her Royal Precentor, but must feel the truth of this statement; and while he could declare his "heart" was 'fixed' for the work of praise, yet he committed not to call on his 'psaltery and harp,' to 'awake' and bear him an accompaniment in his paroxysm of devotion (Ps. 108). And what he found a fitting associate and concomitant, shall not others learn strength in the energy of praise, find an able auxiliary and preparative; and he looked proudly at Jerusalem—chiefly for her religious organization" (Ps. 122)—may not we take similar comfort to ourselves, and humbly exult in our voluntary provision for a similar end in the ancient seat of our national religion."

DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT.—About a month since a military officer in the English service on half pay came to reside in Queenstown, a fact, in itself not very noteworthy but for the remarkable manner in which the gentleman conducted himself during his residence there. It appears that on his arrival in Queenstown, he put up at a respectable hotel in the town, and, as he seemed to have rather a deep purse, was considered a very eligible lodger. Shortly after his arrrival some excitement was occasioned, owing to a rumour, which was quickly circulated through the town, that an old man of military appearance, had publicly conducted himself in so gross and disgusting a manner that no virtuous female could safely walk a certain road outside the town in the evening. The conduct of which the party was accused, was that of exposing his person to young girls, and at the same time offering them sums of money. Inquiries having been made, it was found that the strange "Captain," was the party who had been guilty of such gross violations of decency. He was accordingly taken into custody and brought before the local magistrates, on a charge, stating the offences referred to above, but not being prepared for his defence, the case has been postponed until the next Petty Sessions of Queenstown, and in the meantime the Captain has been admitted to bail.—*Cork Examiner.*

STRANGE CONDUCT.—Last night, one of our (Airdrie) clergymen was applied to for the use of his church to hold a Sabbath evening service for the benefit of the funds of the Airdrie Town Mission. It was stated that probably two of the other ministers in town would officiate; but because the deputation could not give any guarantee that no reference would be made during the services to the revival movement at present going on, the use of the church was refused. What next?—*Belfast News-Letter.*

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE—SEPTEMBER 11.

OPENING PRICES.

Consols Money	95⅛
Account	95⅛
New Threes,	shut.

NOON PRICES.

Consols, Money, and Account	95⅛
New Threes	shut.

ONE P.M. PRICES.

Consols Money	95⅛
Account	95⅛
New Threes,	shut.

2. 15. P.M. PRICES.

Consols Money and Account	95⅛
New Threes	Shut.

CLOSING PRICES.

Consols Money	95⅛
Account,	95⅛
New Threes,	shut.

NOON SUMMARY.—Exchequer Bills, 20; Caledonians, 86⅛; Eastern Counties, 56; Great Northern, 101; Great Northern, A. 85; Great Western of Canada, 15⅝ ½; Great Western, 59 ⅛-9; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 97⅛ ⅜; London and North Western, 99⅛ ⅛ 3; London and South Western, 90½; Midland, 103⅝; York, Newcastle, and Berwick, 88⅛ ⅛; York and North Midland, 72⅝; Consols opened flat at 95⅛ ⅜. They are now steady at 95⅛ rather buyers. Shares opened flat, and very weak at about ½ per cent. below Saturday's closing rates. Canadians flat, and French steady.

CORK BUTTER MARKET, SEPT. 12.—1sts. 110s.; 2nds. 103s.; 3rds. 94s.; 4ths. 86s.; 5ths. 75s.; 6ths. 52s.; 2,100 in Market.

LONDON PRODUCE MARKET, SEPT. 12.—Sugar—Another floating cargo Brazil sold, otherwise market inactive. Coffee—Market quiet; floating cargoes of Rio reported. Tea market excited, owing to the news from China. Importers are not willing sellers at present, and little business has been done; prices quoted ½d. to 1d. higher. Common congou 15½d. to 16d. Rice—Very little enquiry. Rum—Nothing doing. Saltpetre—No transactions to-day. Tallow—Market steady; spot 57s. 6d. to 57s. 9d.; last three months 57s. 9d. to 59s.

LONDON CORN MARKET, SEPT. 12.—Weather very fine. Supplies large of foreign wheat, and very heavy of oats. English wheat—Supply being small was cleared off at the full rates of Monday last, and foreign in fair demand at late rates Barley unaltered. Oats—Fair business done at 6d. advance on Monday last. Flour unaltered in value.

USBORNE'S REPORT.—At to-day's market supplies moderate of all grain except of oats which are large. Weather fine. Wheat, English factors make fully last Monday's rates. Foreign in somewhat better tone, but not dearer. Cargoes, all well bid for, and 6d. per quarter is difference between buyers and sellers. Flour unchanged. Indian corn rather dearer, as cargoes are growing scarce off coast. Barley steady; consumptive demand. Rye wanted for Continent. Peas and beans, quite unaltered. Oats 6d to 1s. cheaper since Monday.

METROPOLITAN CATTLE MARKET, SEPT. 12.—Supply tolerably extensive. Trade ruled at Thursday's reduction. Beef, 2s. 8d. to 4s. 8d.; mutton, 3s. 5d. to 4s. 2d.; veal, 3s. 4d. to 4s. 8d.; pork, 3s. to 4s. per 8lbs., &c. Supply—Beasts, 5,290; foreign, 1580; sheep, 29,130; foreign, 1,350; calves, 230; foreign, 152; pigs, 390.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET, SEPT. 12.—The supply of beef smaller, and Mutton larger than on last Monday. Demand good for the best qualities at full rate. Middling stock rather lower, Beef 4½d. to 7d.; Mutton 6½d. to 7½d. per lb. sinking offal 2,878 Cattle and 14,134 Sheep at Market.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET, SEPTEMBER 12.—Market quiet, sales probably about 6,000, imports 306, previously 2,195.

SHIPPING.

BELFAST.—Arrived—Maria, from Ibraila; Malova, (s.s.) London.

QUEENSTOWN.—Arrived—Harman Albert, Salinces; Imperatore Diocletario, New York; Anne and Isabella, Rio de la Hache; John, Sierra Leone; Adeline, Tagarrog. The brigdes, bound to Kustengi, 4 days out, foundered yesterday morning 17 miles south of the old head of Kinsale. Captain and crew landed here this morning in ships' boat.

WIND AND WEATHER.

LIVERPOOL.—Nearly N.N.W. fine; Ballymena, S. fine; Derry, Belfast, S.S.W., fine; Derry, S.W., fine; Coleraine, S. fine; Dundalk, S. fine; Dungannon, calm, cold; Cork, S.W., rain; Queenstown, S., fresh breeze; Limerick, S.S.W., wet; Waterford, N.E., fine; Kingstown, S., cloudy, fine.

HULL.—Bradford, N.W., fine; Leicester, N., fine; Goole, S.S.E., fine; Hull, W., fine; Huddersfield, N.W., rain; Sheffield, N.W., fine; Harrogate, S.W., fine; Manchester and Sheffield, S.W.; Manchester, S.W., fine; Wakefield, N.E.; Kendal, W., all fine.

DOWNPATRICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The usual weekly meeting of this board was held in the Board-room of the Workhouse on Saturday last—ROBERT HARDY, Esq., in the chair.

PRIMARILY MISSAID.

The Chairman stated that a matter of the greatest importance was to come before the board which would demand all their attention. He then read the following report from the master's diary:—"I regret to have to state, that on yesterday, the Rev. Mr. M'Convey (who officiates here for the Rev. Mr. M'Auley, the Roman Catholic chaplain) administered the rites of his church to a poor pauper woman here, named Ann Stewart, who is registered as a member of the Established Church." Now I want to read to you a letter that I got from that clergyman (the Rev. Mr. M'Convey) relating to this matter:—

"Downpatrick, Sept. 3rd, 1859.

"Gentlemen—I attended a woman yesterday in the fever ward, and, after I did so, I was informed by Miss Keown the woman was entered as of the Established Church.

"As the circumstances is likely to come before you to-day, I beg to inform you that, before I visited this woman, I called at Miss Keown's room to ascertain the religion of the fever patient. She was not in; but I met one of the nurses who informed me that the fever patient was a Roman Catholic. I then went to see her, and she gave me the same information. When Miss Keown told me, after visiting the patient, that she was entered a Protestant, I requested her to accompany me to the fever ward, and ask the woman. She did so, and the sick woman told her in my presence, as she had previously told the nurse and me, that she was a Roman Catholic; so that I acted *bona fide* in what I did. If I had had any intimation of the previous entry, I would have consulted the master before visiting her. I have only to add that she told me her mother died in the workhouse, and died a Roman Catholic.—I am, &c.,

"P. M'CONVEY, C.C.

"To the Board of Guardians."

Chairman—You know this, gentlemen, that there is a fixed rule and regulation that if, as in this case, any clergyman comes to administer the rights of his church to any inmate of the workhouse, it is his bounden duty to see that that man or woman is registered according to his religion. And it is his bounden duty, in the first instance, to ask the master or matron as to the religion of the person on the book; and if the man or woman wishes to change his or her religion, it must be changed in the book, and there is nothing wrong in it then; but he is wrong in administering the rites of his church without consulting the registry book to see whether that person is of his own church or not. That is the only, and I think it is a fair view, that I can take of the case.

Mr. Shaw—Where were our officers at the time? Where was the matron or anybody else? It seems to me to be a very extraordinary thing that a clergyman should have an opportunity of doing this without any person to look after the case.

Chairman—We want to know under what circumstances did it happen that Miss Keown was not in the way, and that there was no person there to interfere?

Master—Miss Keown was about the house somewhere. She was not in at the commencement of the ceremony. When the woman (Stewart) came here, she came as of the Established Church. When she came, I asked her in the presence of the portor what church she went to, and she said "I go to Church;" and I then marked her in the book "Established Church." When Mr. M'Convey came, I did not see him. He went into the room where she was; but I don't know who told him that the woman went to Chapel, and he performed the rites of the church without looking at the registry, and I reported him accordingly.

Mr. Moore—Was the woman poorly, or so dangerously ill as to require him?

Master—She is not dangerously ill, sir.

Mr. Davidson—Does the registry-book always lie open for the inspection of the clergymen who wish to see it?

Master—It does, sir.

Chairman—I don't think that any clergyman has a right to go to a patient or inmate without consulting the registry.

The Chairman then directed that Mr. M'Convey be sent for, and, on that gentleman's entrance, he (the Chairman) addressed him—I sent for you to state, as you are aware, that a complaint has been made by the master that you have administered the rites of your Church to a person who was registered as an Episcopalian; that you went into the fever hospital, and on the authority of a pauper nurse, and without consulting any officer of the house, took it for granted that she was a Roman Catholic. I have also read your letter to this board; but as you must be acquainted with the rules of the house that a reference to that registry is necessary in every case—that a reference to that registry book is absolutely necessary before speaking to a pauper, that is a rule by which you will be governed for the future, and that is the course, and that alone, which you will have to pursue for the future. And if a person wishes to change the religion he has first registered himself as, if he be of sound mind, no person in this board will have any objection to it; but I must say myself that you were in error yourself in not looking at the book at the time, notwithstanding that the nurse had informed you; because what any pauper or nurse says goes for nothing at all. Even supposing the master and matron had told you, the registry is the only thing you have depend upon; and if you say now that you did it in error, and that you will be more cautious for the future, there will be an end of it.

Mr. P. M'Convey—I have only to remark that at the time I had not the slightest doubt about her being a Roman Catholic; and if I had had any doubt about her being a Roman Catholic, I would have followed the rule. I was told she was a Roman Catholic. I then asked the woman herself, and she told me she was a Roman Catholic, so that I had no do ubt at all on my mind about it.

Chairman—But, my dear sir, to consult the registry book is the rule.

Mr. M'Convey—This woman's mother died as a Roman Catholic in the workhouse.

Chairman—I don't care what the religion of the pauper is, no clergyman has a right to speak to that person without consulting the registry.

Mr. Moore—Errors have occurred before this time, and if I was in error I would certainly acknowledge it.

Chairman—You have no right to go to her under any circumstances without consulting the book.

Mr. M'Convey—But I would not have gone near her if I had any doubt.

Mr. Shaw—You knew that the registry was there, and you should have looked at it. By your own account you had never seen this woman before, and therefore it was your bounden duty to consult it.

Mr. M'Convey—If that be the rule of the board, I was ignorant of it. Mr. Oliphants knows that I have been three or four months without looking at the registry book at all.

Chairman—The master says you have been often up looking at the registry.

Mr. M'Convey—Not for three or four months at a time.

Mr. Gordon—In every new instance, at least, the chaplain ought to do so.

Mr. M'Convey—If that be the rule of the board I will follow it, but I don't see how I was to blame when the woman herself told me she was a Roman Catholic, and one of the nurses told me so also. The nurses are surely the persons to get information from. (Cries of "No, no.")

Mr. Gordon—If they would in every new case consult the registry book it would prevent cases of this kind.

Mr. M'Convey—But if there had been a mistake in the registry——

Mr. Davidson—Even if there was a mistake in the registry, you have no right to interfere with it.

Mr. M'Convey—That was a rule that I was not aware of before.

A Guardian—You are aware of it now.

Chairman (to the master)—Did you ask this woman what religion she was?

Master—I did; and she said she was of the Established Church, and she said she wished to go to Church then. She was poorly in health at the time.

Mr. Morrow—Where does she belong to?

Master—Near Leggygowan.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. M'Convey then retired from the board-room.

Chairman—It is a well-known fact, and every man here knows, that the rules are fair as day, and that Mr. M'Convey knew them; but if he had, as in duty bound, told the board that he did act prematurely, and that he will not do so again—and that is all fair, reasonable, and right—the matter might have rested there. I think if this man would just say what we propose, every one here would be satisfied.

Mr. Shaw—Everyone is quite satisfied, I am sure.

Chairman—Would any person go and advise him to say that he did it inadvertently, and if he would say so it would be quite enough?

Mr. Hugh Murray then left the room for this purpose, and, having returned in a short time, said that Mr. M'Convey stated that he could not go further than to say what he had already said.

Mr. Moore—It must go into the minutes, and then let it go before the Poor Law Commissioners.

Chairman—It is but fair to Mr. M'Convey to tell him that, as he did it hastily and without consulting the registry, and that if he did not admit he was in error, we should have to report it to the Commissioners. I have nothing further to say to it.

Rev. J. S. Eagar (having requested to be allowed to make a statement) said—I was with this woman to-day, and she says that she was a Protestant, and that she was baptised in the Protestant faith, and that she was always in the habit of going to Church. She also said that she never asked or wished for a priest before he came to her. Mr. M'Convey stated in the report book that he administered the sacrament to her, but I don't know whether he baptised her or not.

Chairman—He admits himself that he did attend her; but if she says she never asked for him, or wished for him, it puts a new phase into the matter.

Mr. Eagar—She says she never asked for him and never wished for him. She says that she intended to go to Church, and that she never told anything about going to Chapel.

Chairman—Is the whose province did Stewart say that she did not want to see a priest?

Mr. Eagar—In the presence of Miss Keown. She told me also that she was a member of the Church, and that she was baptised by a Protestant minister, and that her mother always told her that she was baptised by a Protestant minister.

Mr. Moore—What religion was the woman who told Mr. M'Convey that she was a Roman Catholic?

Mr. Eagar—I think she is a Roman Catholic.

Mr. Crawford—From what has transpired, and from the statements made since, I must withdraw my first statement; and I now say that we should lay the matter before the Poor Law Commissioners.

Mr. Moore—I wished from the first that it should go before the Commissioners, and that the Board should have nothing to do with it.

Chairman—It is but right to tell Mr. M'Convey what is being done, to prepare him.

Mr. Moore—I would be the last to oppose it.

The Chairman having directed that Mr. M'Convey be asked to come in, when he had entered, he (the Chairman) said—As chairman of this board I wish to express to you that the unanimous opinion of the members of the board is this—Had you said that you were in error in doing as you did with regard to this woman, all might have been ended now; but you did not do that. There has a new feature appeared in the case, and it is this: that this woman had told Mr. Eagar that she never sent for you. This makes us send the matter to the Commissioners.

Mr. M'Convey—With regard to that it is very easy to see, for the nurses are in the house. He then repeated his statements as above with regard to her being a Roman Catholic.

After disposing of some matters of no public importance, the board rose.—*Downshire Protestant.*

TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.

The *Cork Examiner* of Friday evening publishes the following from three correspondents at Glandore:—

The pleasure of the Glandore regatta has been sadly marred by a most appalling calamity which occurred on the evening of the second day (Tuesday). A boat which had successfully contested on both days in the sailing matches was returning from Glandore to a place in the neighbourhood of Castle Freke, with ten persons, men and women, on board, when, opposite Dunoure, near the Galley Head, it capsized, and the whole ten were drowned. The body of one woman who had been on board was washed ashore on Wednesday morning. She was a young woman named Hayes, who had been only six or seven months married, and was far advanced in pregnancy. It is with deep regret I have to add that there are strong grounds for believing the accident was caused by the drunkenness of some of the wretched victims.

(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)

It appears that a fishing boat from the broad strand, with a crew of five men and as many passengers, were returning from the regatta at Glandore, whither they went on the previous morning, either to contest the prize or to enjoy the aquatic amusements there, when the accident occurred. As no one in the boat survived to recount the tale, the immediate cause of the disaster has not been fully ascertained; but it is conjectured that, in the darkness of the night, she must have struck on a sunken rock, many of which abound in the same place, when she became a total wreck, and all hands perished. The scene which presented itself here was truly painful—fathers and mothers, in wild despair, looking for their children—children for their fathers and mothers—husbands for their wives—and wives for their husbands. It was peculiarly distressing to witness the tears, the shrieks, and lamentations of an aged mother, a widow, four of whose children have on this occasion found a watery grave. It was with difficulty she was restrained from precipitating herself down a steep cliff near the scene of the occurrence, that she might, as she stated, enjoy at least the last consolation of having her bones commingled with those of her children."

(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)

Among those lost were four brothers named, Callanan; two were married, and both their wives were lost also. The entire particulars are not yet fully known, and shall be communicated as soon as they are correctly ascertained.

CHESTER AND HOLYHEAD RAILWAY COMPANY.—MEETING ON FRIDAY.

The half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of this company was appointed to take place on Friday at twelve o'clock, at the Euston-square terminus.

The Marquis of Chandos took the chair at the hour stated, and was accompanied by a number of directors. The noble marquis then announced that they could not proceed with the business unless there were 20 proprietors present, and if that number were not in attendance at one o'clock the meeting would be adjourned *sine die*.

At one o'clock the meeting was adjourned accordingly.

The meeting, not being constituted, was practically of no importance, as if the meeting had been held it would have been of a mere formal character.

The dividend at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum on first Preference Stock, and as the rate of 5 per cent. on second Preference Stock, guaranteed by the London and North-Western Company, has been already paid and the meeting was merely called to make a formal declaration of those dividends under the provisions of the Act of Parliament.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION'S MEETING.

Professor Phillips, the Association's General Secretary, has arrived in Aberdeen, and is busy completing the arrangements for the me

Police Intelligence.

FRANCE.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CUVIL SERVICE.

At Bloomsbury County Court, on Monday, an order was made for the winding up of the affairs of the Universal Life Assurance Company, on the petition of Mr. Alfred Taylor, one of the shareholders. Mr. Commissioner Lee, in making the order, observed that the undertaking, of which the company was the successor, was originally established for the purpose of assuring the lives of Jews, but the company, in its present form, had extended its operations to Christians. The Commissioner, in the course of the proceedings, remarked that he had no doubt that the directors had been actuated by the best motives, but they had been guilty of a breach of trust in not having obtained the sanction of the Court of Chancery to the alteration in the deed of settlement.

Mr. Pierce, barrister, for the petitioning shareholder, stated that the company was originally established in 1810, and was carried on successfully for many years. In 1845 the directors, without any authority, altered the deed of settlement, and admitted Christians to participate in the benefits of the company. The petitioning shareholder, who had been a member of the company for many years, objected to the alteration, and refused to pay the calls made upon him. The company refused to pay him the amount of his policy, and he was compelled to bring an action against them. The action was tried before Mr. Justice Coleridge, at the Middlesex sittings after last Hilary Term, and a verdict was found for the plaintiff. The company had since refused to pay the amount of the verdict, and had also refused to pay the costs of the action. The petitioning shareholder had also applied to the company for the amount of his policy, but they had refused to pay it. The company had also refused to allow the petitioning shareholder to inspect the books of the company, and had refused to allow him to attend the meetings of the directors. The petitioning shareholder had also applied to the company for the amount of his policy, but they had refused to pay it. The company had also refused to allow the petitioning shareholder to inspect the books of the company, and had refused to allow him to attend the meetings of the directors.

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